GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4450
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Robbery in Trains
Vellaigounder Shri Elumalai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether robbery in trains has increased in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of train robbery reported during the last two years;

(c) whether the Railways has conducted any special drive for preventing train robbery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4450 BY SHRI V. ELUMALAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2017 REGARDING ROBBERY IN TRAINS

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP by providing better protection and security of passenger area & passengers and for matters connected therewith.

Though the number of train robberies over Indian Railways has decreased significantly in the year 2016 as compared to the year 2015, yet the following steps are also being taken by the Railways to provide security to passengers:

1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 2500 trains (on an average) are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.
2. Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras, provided at about 344 stations over Indian Railways, to ensure safety and security of passengers.
3. Security Help Line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.
4. An Integrated Security System (ISS) consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control etc. has been sanctioned to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 railway stations.
5. Close liaison is made by RPF with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels for prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains.

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